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Ms. Amanda McDaniel currently serves as the Director, Industry Engagement, within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Policy. In this role, Ms. McDaniel is responsible for facilitating coordination between the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) in order to mitigate industrial base risks and better enable DoD to obtain advanced technologies. Specifically, she manages the team responsible for collaborating with defense industry companies and major trade associations to increase communication and cooperation between the Department and the DIB, a relationship that directly and effectively supports the Warfighter.

Prior to joining DoD as a civil servant in December 2020, Ms. McDaniel worked as a consultant for 15 years. During this time, she supported fast-paced senior command climates, to include deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan and directly supporting internal and external communications for an Under Secretary-level front office. As a consultant, she had a successful record improving business processes, strategic implementation of policy, and managing relationships across DoD, NASA, and GSA.

Ms. McDaniel earned her B.S. from Northwest Missouri State University, M.S. in Global Leadership from University of San Diego, and is PMP certified. She has been recognized for her achievements through awards, to include the Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate Associate Administrator Award for Program and Mission Support and the Secretary of Defense Award for Excellence in Maintenance Training, Advice, and Assistance for Foreign Security Forces.